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8Q, MALDIVES. Marco, IK1ZPA, informs OPDX that he will be active from **Giravaru Island, December 14-20th**, as **8Q7IK**. He will operate with an ICOM 706MKII + antenna tuner + power supply.... using an inverted-V dipoles on a fishing-rod. QSL via his home callsign: Marco Bottino, Via Priv. Terrazzi 7, 18010- Diano Castello (IM), ITALY

8Q, MALDIVES (Update/Reminder). Lee, G0ULN, will be active as **8Q7LE** from the Maldives **December 22nd through January 12th (1999)**. He will be active on SSB only on 14260 and 21260 kHz (also 10/17/40/80 meters). QSL is via the bureau or to his home callsign G0ULN.

9G, GHANA. Michael, WK6O, is currently here and is helping a Missionary friend named Sidney Barnes, **9G1TB**. Michael mentions that he recently operated the **CQWW CW Contest** and made over 2000 QSOs on the 10 meter band using Sidney's callsign. He will soon be picking up his own callsign from the Ghanaian Radio Frequency Board in Accra which will be **9G5MG**. The G.R.F. Board has given Michael permission in the mean time to use Sidney's callsign while waiting. He plans to do more CW operating before he returns back to California in **January**. All QSLs for 9G1TB and 9G5MG should go to WK6O. Please, do not send cards to Sidney/9G1TB via the Ghanaian QSL bureau, nor via Sid's home address. Only QSL via WK6O to have cards verified and confirmed. Address is: Michael W. Gaude, 18642 Oak Ridge DR., Santa Ana, CA 92705 U.S.A.

ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY.....

- Sarah, **KC4AAD**, is active from **Siple Dome**, Antarctica a few nights a week with her QSL Manager Bob, K4MZU. They can be found on 14270 kHz after 0100z. Sarah's signal is pretty weak since she is only running about 100 watts and a dipole. QSL to K4MZU.

- Oleg, UA1PBA, is active as **R1ANF** from the club station at **Bellingshausen Base** for one year on **King George Island**. His activity this past weekend was on 30 meters between 0200 and 0400z. Also, check 20 meters CW starting around 2330z. QSL via RK1PWA.

A3, TONGA. Lee, **A35VR** (ex-VP2VE, 3D2VA, K3RGD), is now active from the QTH of Paul, A35RK. He has been very busy on 10 meters CW (28025 kHz). He has also been heard on 12 and 30 meters. Lee will be there until **February, 1999**.

EF1, TOXA ISLAND (Spain). Look for special station **EF1IAT** to be active **until December 31st** (1998). The Spanish islands reference is **IDEA EA1-1-5**. It is located in the IOTA group **EU-080**. The station will be active for the USA on 21.200 Mhz about 1800z. You can take a look at the color QSL (an aerial picture of the island) which is available at the following WEB URL: <http://www.radioaficion.com/EF1IAT/> QSL ONLY via direct to expedition QSL Manager EC1BXI (via callbook) or via Jorge Fernandez Devesa, PO Box 54, 36980 O Grove (PONTEVEDRA), Spain, Europe.

FT5ZH, AMSTERDAM ISLAND DXPEDITION (Excerpts from a WA6KBL press release). Eric/F5SIH and Mehdi/F5PFP on Amsterdam Island continue to be very active. The pile-ups are still huge, so they are concentrating on the main bands and modes. They have reportedly assembled their WARC antenna and are active on those bands. They have announced that they have begun RTTY operations. They ask the DX community to understand that they are on a very small scientific and military base with a fixed meal schedule. They must QRT at about 1400z, or they will not eat. They do not have their own food or any cooking facilities, so please don't criticize them. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive complete copies of the press releases as an additional bulletin.

HD6DX COTOPAXI DXPEDITION. HC DX Group informs OPDX that they will be active **December 19th** (beginning 1100z) until 1500z **December 20th**, from the "**Snow-White Volcano Cotopaxi**" (Highest inactive volcano in the world 5.897 mts.) in the Republic of Ecuador. A group of 10 operators will be active on 40/20/15/10 meters. QSL via HC6DC. (TNX to Hector Espinosa)

OX, GREENLAND. By the time you read this Michael, OZ2ELA, will be active from **Qaqatoq** in the southwest part of Greenland **until December 16th**, as **OX3LG**. His activity will be on 10/15/20/40 meters. QSL via OZ2ELA: Michael Jensen, Kanalens Kvt. 6, 2620, Albertslund, Denmark. Also, look for Olso **OX3UB**, to be active from the same radio during the same time period. QSL via OZ1GER.

PV5/PW5, PAZ ISLAND. By the time you read this, the short operation from this Brazilian island will be active and will only last **until December 14th**. Look for **PV5V** (on SSB) and **PW5W** (on CW) to be active on 80-10 meters. Also, look for them on the IOTA frequencies and the Brazil DX Net. This island has the following reference numbers: DIB-63, DFB-SC 01 and IOTA **SA-027**. QSL via PP5LL (direct or Bureau).

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- QSLs for **WH7/K9NW** (Hawaii) are via WW9DX (Western Wisconsin DX Association) direct or via the bureau is "OK". The direct address is: WWDXA, PO Box 411, La

Crosse, Wisconsin 54602 (WWDXA states, "It seems to be taking forever to have this updated at the FCC... And, yes, we WILL get caught up on the '97 contacts as well. Please no second requests.") Thanks! 73, WWDXA

- **J3A QSLs.** Don, K2KQ, reports that he has been receiving QSLs for J3A, both SSB and CW. ALL QSLs for J3A, both CW and SSB go to WA8LOW. Under no circumstances send QSLs to K2KQ. Your response will be delayed if you do, as Don will collect them and send them to WA8LOW. Don also states that QSLs for the CW operation will be a picture QSL card. They have not been designed yet. Be patient!
- **NEW QSL MANAGER.** Paolo, IK2QPR, has been reported to be the new QSL Manager for **UA0YAY** who is operating from Zone 23.
- **5V7A QSLs.** Roger, G3SXW, reports that the 5V7A operation netted nearly 16,000 QSOs. QSL cards are being printed now and will start to flow before Christmas. The QSL Manager is GM4FDM: Tom Wylie, 3 King's Crescent, Elderslie, Renfrewshire, PA5 9AD, Scotland or via bureau. Their special E-mail request system for bureau reply is very popular. Please access the QSL request form on their Web site at: <http://voodudes.com> Or E-mail QSL requests to 5v7a@voodudes.com. Note that 5V7A cards are NOT via G3SXW, and that personal 5V7 and 9G5 cards go only to home call signs as published.
- Franck, **FK8HC**, was active in the ARRL 10 Meters Contest this past weekend. QSL via VK4FW or direct to: Franck Petitjean, P.O. Box 7636 Ducos, 98801 Noumea, New Caledonia.
- **BQ9P LOGS ARE NOW ON THE WEB!** Go to: <http://www.qsl.net/bq9p/>
- Tom, N4XP, has announced that as of Tuesday, December 8th, all **KH9** (Feb 1998) and **ZK1XXP** QSLs received direct have been mailed with the exception of those received at WA4YBV in the past 7 to 10 days. If you have not received your card(s) and it does not arrive in the next week, contact Tom via E-mail (n4xp@juno.com), and he will be glad to research the contact. Bureau cards will be processed after a short pause.
- The QSL route for station **EC1BXI** in the CQ WW SSB Contest and 10m ARRL Contest is via G4RRA (Bureau) or Callbook (if via direct).

SAD NEWS. It has been reported that Robert Dow, **WB2CJL**, one of the editors of the VK2SG RTTY DX Notes, has become a "**Silent Key**" due to a heart attack during the last weekend in November. He was 68 years old. Robert reportedly issued his last RTDX Bulletin on November 19th. His signature motto at the end of each bulletin was "REMEMBER, DX DON'T SLEEP." OPDX would like to send our condolences to the family.

SPECIAL EVENT. The General Secretary of Yugoslav Amateur Radio Union, Mr. Srecko Moric, YU1DX, announces that six stations in Yugoslavia will be active to celebrate **800 years of the Hilandar monastery on Mount Athos**. Look for the following stations with the special prefixes:

4N800H - Hilandar monastery (HQ station)	YU800G - Gracanica monastery
YT800FG - Monasteries on Fruska Gora	YZ800R - Ravanica monastery
YZ800MO - Ostrog monastery ,	YU800S - Studenica monastery

A YU-SV team is trying to get a licence to work from **Mount Athos**. Stations are active now **until March 31, 1999**. Activity will be on all modes including RTTY, on all HF and VHF bands. Stations will also be active during contest. All QSLs go to YU0SRJ (P.O.BOX 48, 11000 Beograd) or via bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT. On December 19th and 20th, the **Catalonian Ham Radio Union** and the **Television of Catalonia** will put on the air the very special callsign **EG3TVC**. The station's activity will be on the air during this year's 7th Marathon devoted to collect funds for the scientific study of Diabetes. For more information, please check the following WEB sites:

- <http://www.urc.es/eg3tvc.htm>
- <http://www.fundaciomaratotv3.org>
- <http://www.tvc.es/marato/>

T8, BELAU. Look for Hiro/JF1OCQ and Tatsu/JA0QBY to be active from Palau Island **December 19-22nd**, as **T88HM** and **T88TN** respectively. They will be operational on all HF bands and 6 meters SSB/CW. QSL information is as follows:

- **T88HM** - Hiro C Miyake, 1-3-6, Asakura-Cho, Maebashi-City, Gunma 371-0811, JAPAN or via bureau to JF1OCQ.
- **T88TN** - Tatsuo Nishihara, 1458, Kihimiya, Mishima-Cho, Mishima-Gun, Niigata 940-2322, JAPAN or via bureau to JA0QBY.

UN, KAZAKHSTAN. "The 59(9) DXReport" states that Valery, **UN3G**, has a permit for **6 meters** (CW/SSB) to run 175 watts, good **until September 10**, 2001.

VU, INDIA. Miku, **VU2WAP**, has been very active on **75 meters** this past week. Activity has been between 3785 and 3795 kHz between the times of 0045 and 0200z. The East Coast stations of the U.S. report Miku has a big signal. QSL direct only via the callbook address: Manoj Agarwal, 44/1E, Fairfield Layout, Race Course Road, Bangalore, 560001, India

XT, BURKINA FASO. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Mike/F5RLE and Joel/ F5AOW will be active again from **February 7th to March 1st**, as **XT2OW** and **XT2DM**. Mike will do the CW and Joel the SSB using an IC-706 w/100 watts, 2 element beam for 20-10 meters and a G5RV on the other bands. Look for activity on the WARC bands. QSL via F5RLE.

XU, KAMPUCHEA. The "DX News Sheet" reports that F5NRY is active as **XU5NRY** on RTTY. His length of stay is not known. QSL via home call.

YO DX HF CONTEST RESULTS. Ciprian, YO3FWC, informs OPDX that the final scores of the **1998 YO DX HF Contest** are now available at the following WEB site: <http://www.qsl.net/yo3kaa/> Also available at this site are updated Romanian Ham Activities and the weekly updated YO CallBook.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR. Please send all DX announcements/information **"ONLY"** to the addresses below and **"NOT"** to the distribution InterNet address of: dxinfo@barf80.nshore.org

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

OPDX SPANISH WEB SITE. (provide by "QTC Magazine" and Tony Pernas, EA1CSI):

<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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